राष्ट्रीय सांस्कृतिक कोष

5679. **श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार राष्ट्रीय सांस्कृतिक कोष स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रस्ताव का ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग एवं संस्कृति विभाग) में उप मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) प्रस्ताव के पूर्ण ब्यौरे को अंतिम रूप से तैयार किया जा रहा है।

Letters Written by MPs

5680. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to his Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995 alongwith year-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of letter acknowledged out of them;

(c) the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exploitation of working women

5681. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmnct are aware of the working women's exploitation in various parts of the country;

(b) whether due to bottlenecks in Central Acts and laws for the welfare of women, the exploitation is increasing;

(c) whether any study has been conducted by Government or by any Voluntary Organisation in this regard;

(d) if so, the detailf thereof; and

(e) the effective steps taken by Government to check women's exploitation in the country?

THE MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the various forms of exploitation which the working women are likely to face in the country and views this matter with concern. Government is aware of the need for continuous monitoring of the implementation of various laws in the country. The Women's Labour Cell in the Ministry of Labour deals with the formulation of policy to remove the handicaps under which women labourers work, to strengthen their bargaining position, to improve their wages and working conditions to enhance their skills and open up better employment opportunities for them. Ministry of Labour also particularly monitors the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976. A Central Advisory Cell has been set up for overseeing the implementation of Equal Remuneration Act. Similar Committees have been set up by most of the States/ U.Ts.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arisc.

(e) The Constitution of India not only grants equality to women but also empowers the State to adopt measures of positive discrimination in favour of women. The State has enacted women specific and women related legislations like Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, a